

February 2016 – Mayor's Message

On January 19, in the Murray City Council Meeting, I had the opportunity to give the State of the City address. It is always an honor to report on such a fine city, I'd like to share a portion of the address with you.

"I hope that our Murray City founding fathers would be proud of the way that we, as employees and residents, have continued to build on the foundation they laid, and to honor their ideal of independence, self-sufficiency and service to others.

Just a few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to witness the oath of office ceremony for three of our city council members. I congratulate them and look forward to the exciting developments that we will be working on together in the coming years. We are so fortunate, as a city, to have such a council that represents the interests of this city with dedication, independent thinking and integrity.

As the words of the oath of office were read and repeated by each councilman, I was deeply impressed and reminded what each of us, who are elected officials, swear to do. There was a phrase that particularly struck me. As local officials, we swear to support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States.

I remember having to memorize its preamble while in junior high school and thought of its application to us as someone who publicly promises to uphold it. As public servants, we do our best to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

The rest of the constitution lays out how a government should be formed and we are so fortunate to be one of the few cities in Utah to follow this pattern of the separation of branches of government and to respect the distinct delineation and responsibilities of each.

What a privilege to live in this great country and have a sworn duty to do all we can to insure the promises contained in the constitution to the residents of Murray, Utah.

The tenants of the Constitution are not just important parts of our federal and state government, but play a key role in the everyday services that are provided to our city residents. Our departments all have duties that focus on meeting the needs of our citizens. Each year they prepare a report outlining the work they have accomplished in the previous 12 months. I hear the day-to-day reports of what is going on in the city, but to look at what our departments have accomplished in a year's time, it is very impressive."

In future Mayor Messages, I'll continue to highlight departments and their accomplishments in the city. In summary, it is the combination of employees and residents who make our city so unique and successful. I'm happy to report, the state of Murray City is great.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Eyre".

Ted Eyre, Mayor